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SUBJECT: KUDREMUH IRON ORE PROJECT

REF: NEW DELHI 9693

1. REFTEL CORRECTLY REPORTS THAT FINAL AGREEMENT ON KUDREMUH PROJECT WAS NOT REACHED DURING VISIT OF INDIAN DELEGATION LAST WEEK. HOWEVER, BOTH DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR LOANS KHALEGIRAD, ORGANIZATION FOR INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OF IRAN, AND INDIAN EMBASSY COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR RANGNATHAN, HAVE INDICATED SIGNALS ARE STILL GO FOR KUDREMUH. KHALEGIRAD SAID DRAFT AGREEMENT WAS INITIALED BUT IT'S REMAIN TO BE DOTTED AND T'S TO BE CROSSED. RANGNATHAN SAID LOAN WILL TOTAL \$630 MILLION TO BE REPAID BY INDIAN IRON ORE SHIPMENTS OVER A 20-YEAR PERIOD. HE ADDED THAT ONLY TECHNICALITIES REMAIN TO BE WORKED OUT SUCH AS WHETHER LOAN WILL COVER CERTAIN SHIPPING AND DEVELOPMENT COSTS. HE ESTIMATED ANOTHER TWO MONTHS WILL LAPSE BEFORE A FINAL AGREEMENT IS SIGNED.

2. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO INDICATION THAT IRANIANS ARE PULLING BACK FROM THE KUDREMUH PROJECT. PLANS FOR CREATING A MAJOR STEEL INDUSTRY IN IRAN HAVE NOT BEEN CHANGED, AND FAILING TO CONCLUDE THE KUDREMUH AGREEMENT WOULD MEAN THE GOI WOULD HAVE TO START OVER AND FIND ANOTHER MAJOR SOURCE

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OF IRON ORE. HOWEVER, RECENT PUBLIC ADMISSION BY GOI

OFFICIALS THAT MANY LARGE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WILL NOT  
BE COMPLETED WITHIN EARLIER VERY AMBITIOUS TIME SCHEDULE  
PROBABLY MEANS THAT CONCLUSION OF KUDREMUKE AGREEMENT IS  
NOW CONSIDERED SOMEWHAT LESS URGENT.  
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